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## ABOUT PEOPLE AND THINGS

### CURRENT COMMENT ABOUT PEOPLE AND THE THINGS THEY ARE DOING HERE.

The County Commissioners are meeting today to consider the matter of calling a bond election to vote money for the special bridge fund. Repairs on the bridge will cost a large sum of money and replacements must be made at enormous cost. It is probable that the Board will call an election for sometime in August, at which time the whole county will be asked to vote bonds for the sum needed.

It is reported on good authority that beginning August first, Manager Baldwin will retire from the Keith Theatre and Wm. Hawley will assume charge. Mr. Hawley now operates the Sun and at present the Crystal is closed so that Mr. Hawley will have charge of all the movie houses in the city. Some of these hot nights he might just as well close one of the two houses as either can hold all of the people who want to be indoors. An outdoor movie would certainly be popular on hot summer nights.

Service men in the employ of the Post Office Department are to receive credit in point of service for the full time they were in the United States Army or Navy during the great war. This applies only to city clerks and carriers. Those people enter the service at a fixed salary and advance \$100 a year for four years. By the new law or ruling each is given credit for the time spent in the war and draws back pay. Some of the local post office force have received several hundred dollars back pay recently on this account and it has been very much appreciated.

A copy of the program of the Eighth Grade Promotion Exercises of the Long Beach (Cal.) city schools has been received here which contains the names of two former North Platte girls. They are Edith McLane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. McLane and Genevieve Selby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Selby. The program opened with a one-half hour concert by the Long Beach Municipal Band. The exercises were interspersed with addresses and songs about the school bond election which was held June 24. At that time bonds to the amount of nearly two million dollars were voted on and carried.

Victor VonGoetz was telling the other day about the early days of fire fighting in North Platte. It seems that each of the men in the shops had a bucket in which he washed himself at the close of his day's work. During the day these buckets were piled in the corner. When a fire alarm was sounded, the buckets were seized and the

whole force rushed to the nearest pump or well. This was a simple method of fighting fire but it saved many a building from destruction and possibly the whole town might have gone at times if the fire had had no opposition.

One of the most unique exhibits of the Fourth of July parade was that by the North Platte Fire Department. A wagon came first on which was a barrel and some buckets with V. VonGoetz, Dave Scott and Judge Sullivan. This represented the firemen and the equipment in 1887 when the department was first organized. Following this was the hose cart of 1888 and the hook and ladder wagon of 1889 which were quite an advance over the barrel and buckets. Then came a motor truck bought in 1912, then the chemical bought in 1918 and lastly the monster new engine and truck which is the latest thing out. Each piece of apparatus was manned by the men who were members of the department at the time it was in use.

Leigh Carroll of the North Platte Flour Mills spent last week at the Flour Millers Convention at Chicago. He reports this one of the most interesting meetings he ever attended. The speakers were of national and international importance, including the Secretary of Agriculture, Admiral Benson of the U. S. Shipping Board, C. H. Gustafson, president of the U. S. Grain Growers and many others of similar note. At this time, when conditions financially are in such peculiar shape, these National meetings are of particular importance. There is no industry more important to the grain growers and the country as a whole than the flour milling industry and this fact was recognized by all the speakers. Unrestricted trading in grain futures was unanimously condemned by this convention and support pledged to Mr. Gustafson in his efforts to build up a marketing organization that will assist in stabilizing markets.

### CAMPFIRE GIRLS TO HOLD BIG SUMMER CAMP AT NEW CAMPGROUNDS.

The different groups of the local Campfire girls will hold a joint camp beginning August 8 and closing August 13. This will be at the new camp grounds just north of the North River Bridge. The fee for the six days will be five dollars. This will include all expenses of the camp.

The lodge at the Campfire girl camp has not been furnished yet. It needs all kinds of furniture and utensils to make it complete. The Campfire council does not have money enough to buy these things so donations are in order. Mrs. J. D. Cox has given a couch and bedsprings. Mrs. Harry Cramer a couch and a chair and Wm. Waldorf a new utensil for cooking potatoes. Donations should be given to Miss Janet McDonald or Miss Sarah Kelly. One of the first needs is a kitchen range. Mrs. F. E. Barber is looking after this want and would be glad to hear from any one having a second hand range.

## FARMERS ARE TO BE HEARD

### IMPORTANT MEETING IS SET FOR NORTH PLATTE BY COUNTY FARM BUREAU.

H. D. Lute, Secretary of the Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation has issued calls for each of the County Farm Bureaus to hold meetings on Monday, July 11. In response to this call, S. J. Koch, president of the Lincoln County Farm Bureau has given out the following statement:

A letter just received from H. D. Lute, Secretary of the Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation, asked us to hold a general meeting at the County Agent's Office in North Platte at 2 o'clock p. m., July 11th. The purpose of this meeting is to get a direct report from the farmers to Congress on the following:

1. The causes of the recent condition of agriculture.
2. The cause of the difference between the prices of agricultural products paid to the producer and the ultimate cost to the consumer.
3. The comparative condition of industries other than agriculture.
4. The relation of prices of commodities other than agricultural products to such products.
5. The banking and financial resources of the country especially as affecting agricultural products.
6. The marketing and transportation facilities of the country.

These reports will be taken in a manner similar to court records. We urge upon you the very great necessity of being present with as many influential farmers as you can bring. The importance of the move may be indicated from the following quotation from Mr. Lute's letter:

"Permit me to observe that the American Farm Bureau Federation has never undertaken a more important project than this. If we obtain the mind of the farmer himself as to what is the matter with his business, and present his experiences, together with his suggestions for remedying present conditions, the Farm Bureau will have challenged the admiration from both Congress and the Public." We do not believe that any other farm organization will be able to present so convincing and complete

a case, based on actual facts from the grass roots. We solicit most earnestly your co-operation in carrying out this project to the lasting benefit of the organization and agriculture as a whole."

I realize that this is a very busy time and also realize the very great importance of the information we may get and hope that you will see the necessity of spending at least one-half day in helping yourself and neighbor.

Very Truly,  
LINCOLN COUNTY FARM BUREAU,  
By S. J. Koch, Pres.

### BIG PARADE ON THE FOURTH EARNED MANY MONEY PRIZES FOR WINNERS

The committee of Judges of the Fourth of July parade at North Platte has made its report and the report has been accepted by the Parade committee. This report was not ready until after our last issue but is presented now for the information of those who did not get the report yet.

The prizes awarded were as follows: Business float, representative of the business and for excellence of decoration, first—Liberty Land Co., \$35; second—Johnson Department Store, \$15; Business boat, mechanical and representing the business, first—Hendy-Ogier Auto Co., \$25; second—Willard Battery Station \$10; Comic Presentation, first—Nicassee Campfire, \$10; second—North Platte Fire Department in 1887, \$5; Organization boats, first—Royal Neighbors of America, \$35; second—Daughters of the American Revolution, \$15; Organizations on foot, first—Brotherhood of Railway Carmen, \$35; second—War Mothers, \$25; Bicycle and rider, first—Myron Hirschfeld, \$3; Pushmobile, first—Orrin Romigh, \$3; second—Dolan Sebastian, \$2; Baby carriage and baby, first—Mrs. Fred Loudon, \$5; Privately owned cars, first—Henry P. Hansen, \$5; Finest decorated vehicle with single driver, first—Mrs. Ed Wheelock, \$15; Saddle horse, first—Ed Todenhoff, \$10; Team first—Coates Lumber Co., \$25.

Mr. and Mrs. Ole Raamussen and family left Wednesday for a two weeks vacation in Colorado. They expect to visit Denver, Colorado Springs, Estes Park and other points. Frank Patty and Hugh Carson of Fonda, Iowa stopped over Wednesday to visit friends enroute to the coast where they will spend the summer.

Mrs. C. Holloway of Grant shopped in the city yesterday.

## MARKET REPORT BY WIRELESS

### AREO STATION HERE CONSTANTLY RECEIVES AND RELEASES LATEST MARKETS.

During the past two weeks the United States has been offering a service to the people of this part of the state which no one seems to know about. This is the latest market reports, flashed here four or five times a day from the commercial centers of the east and flashed from North Platte to government and amateur stations throughout the central part of the country. Yesterday we saw the reports which were received here only a short time ago. They covered the facts wanted about the markets on all of the more common live stock and agricultural products. These reports are furnished to the Post Office air mail wireless department by the Bureau of Market of the United States government. They are received here at about 9:30 a. m., 12 m., 5 p. m. and 8 p. m. and sometimes in between.

The idea of the government is that these latest markets can be distributed from the various centers by phone, newspaper, mail and other wireless. Some towns are planning on erecting an amateur wireless station. Whenever markets are received here they are sent out broadcast. Any amateur station can take them up and use them. Persons in this immediate vicinity can get the very latest by calling the station by phone in the day time. The station is open from 4 in the morning until 8:30 in the evening.

### PICTURES TO BE TAKEN TO THE FARMERS IN THE PURE BRED SIRE CAMPAIGN.

County Agent Kellogg announces a meeting at the McPherson School house south of Maxwell on Monday, July 11 at 8:30 and a meeting at Jack Morrow Flat school house on Friday July 15. At each of these meetings he will show a set of slides entitled "Pure Bred Sires." These are good slides and the meetings should be well attended. They are free.

The Pioneer Campfire girls under the direction of Mrs. C. E. McReynolds are serving the Rotary Club dinners this month at the Presbyterian Church and the men are complimenting them very highly on their first dinner last Tuesday.

Miss Margory Webb who has been a guest at the Mose McFarland home for the past month will leave for her home in Bedford, Iowa Sunday. She will be accompanied to Omaha by Mrs. M. McFarland and Miss Mabelle McFarland.

Mrs. Nora Welch of Paxton underwent an operation at the Platte Valley hospital this morning.

## RHILEY AGAIN WINS THE BIG RACES AND THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CUP.

On Tuesday afternoon quite a crowd of people gathered at the Fair Grounds to see the races which were postponed from the Fourth on account of the rain. In the Ford five-mile race, Bullock won first, Simon second and Cooper third. Rhiley won the 10-mile Lincoln County Special in 12:39 with Bullock second and Rice third. The last race was the 20-mile Nebraska Sweepstakes for \$1250. Rhiley won in 24:52, Rice second and Bullock third. It was easy for Rhiley and as a result of winning the big race for three consecutive times he gets the big cup offered by the Chamber of Commerce.

### LOCAL FIRE INSURANCE MEN TO ORGANIZE FOR THE STATE CONVENTION.

At a meeting held at the Elk's Club yesterday, a number of local fire insurance men talked over the proposition of organizing for the big state convention to be held here next year. It was decided that a local fraternity would be started, having for its object the support of right principles and opposition to bad practices in fire underwriting. It was proposed to base the annual dues on the annual premium income of the agency or agent, with a minimum dues of five dollars. Those who are interested in the fire insurance business are urged to confer with R. D. Raamussen or J. E. Sebastian in regard to the matter so that the organization can be completed as soon as possible and that every man eligible will become a member.

### SCHLEICHER-HIXSON

A very pretty wedding took place Thursday afternoon at four o'clock July 7 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Schleicher of Brady when their daughter Freida became the bride of Byron R. Hixson of Casper Wyo. Only the immediate relatives and friends of the bride and groom were present. Rev. Talbot of Gothenburg read the marriage lines. Miss Hazel Hixson, sister of the groom acted as bridesmaid and Irwin Schleicher, brother of the bride as best man. A delicious wedding dinner was served immediately after the ceremony. The young couple left this morning for Denver and other western points on their honeymoon. Mrs. Hixson has lived in Brady most of her life and has made a host of friends by her genial disposition. Mr. Hixson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hixson of North Platte and is engaged in business in Wyoming, where the bride and groom will make their future home. The best wishes of all their friends go with them to their new home.

The Altar Society of the Catholic Church held a lawn social last evening on the Parochial school house lawn. A pleasant evening was spent.

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